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SUBJECT: MARITIME ADMINISTRATION REQUEST FOR OECD GDP
CONVERSION DATA

1. MISSION REQUESTED FORWARD FOLLOWING LETTER FROM
RUSSELL BYINGTON, DIVISION OF ECONOMIC AND OPERATIONAL
ANALYSES, US MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, TO RENE BERTRAND,
CHIEF, ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS OPERATIONS, OECD
SECRETARIAT:

QUOTE: "THE U.S. MARITIME ADMINISTRATION IS CURRENTLY
INVOLVED IN FORECASTING U.S. OCEANBORNE TRADE. TO COMPLETE
THIS WORK THE AGENCY NEEDS GDP DATA EXPRESSED IN CONSTANT
DOLLARS FOR ALL OUR TRADING PARTNERS. IN THE "OECD
NATIONAL ACCOUNTS 1962-73" PUBLICATION THERE IS A TABLE
WHICH DISPLAYS THE OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES' GDP DATA IN
BILLIONS OF 1970 U.S. DOLLARS FOR 1962-73. THE OECD
WASHINGTON OFFICE COULD NOT PROVIDE ME WITH THIS DATA IN
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ANY GREATER DETAIL, BUT THEY SUGGESTED THAT I GET IN TOUCH

WITH YOU. IF POSSIBLE, COULD YOU SEND ME THIS DATA IN
THOUSANDS OF 1970 DOLLARS?

OUR FORECASTING WORK REQUIRES THAT WE EXPAND YOUR DATA TO
COVER ALL OF THE U.S. TRADING PARTNERS. IN ORDER TO DO
THIS WE NEED A DETAILED, STEP BY STEP DESCRIPTION OF THE

METHODOLOGY USED TO CONVERT CURRENT, LOCAL CURRENCY
GDP'S TO CONSTANT U.S. DOLLAR GDP'S. FOR EXAMPLE, HOW
WOULD YOU CONVERT A U.K. GDP OF 62 BILLION POUNDS
STERLING IN 1972 TO 1970 U.S. DOLLARS? COULD YOU SEND
US SUCH A DESCRIPTION? END QUOTE.

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